



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

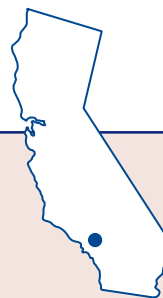
Montebello, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Montebello was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Although the targeted site is in the City of Montebello (population 64,695), its impact extends throughout the Greater East Los Angeles Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) area, which has a population of 367,901. The CEDS area is almost 87 percent Hispanic, and the poverty level in the area is 22 percent. The per capita income is 41 percent of the national average. The landfill site, in the Central Industrial District of Los Angeles, is separated by railroad tracks from a large, low-income residential community. This community is seriously underemployed. Redevelopment



Assessment Grant

New
2004

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Montebello for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to perform site assessments to determine the extent of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) contamination on 55 acres of industrial land that rest on a former landfill site. Funds also will be used to determine a remediation plan and conduct community outreach activities, private-public sector coordination, and public health monitoring.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields/

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

of the site has the potential of adding up to 1,000 new jobs to the community, increasing the local tax base, and lowering the risk of employee exposure to pollutants.